



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Douglas T. Grider Docket No: TI-31118  
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Examiner: Julio J. Maldonado Art Unit: 2823  
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For: METHOD FOR TRANSISTOR GATE DIELECTRIC LAYER WITH UNIFORM NITROGEN  
CONCENTRATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.